

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicants : Dawn P. Wooley and Kelly J. Huang
Serial No. : 10/569,159
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Title : **RETROVIRAL VECTOR AND CELL-BASED ASSAY FOR
MEASURING THE MUTATION RATE OF RETROVIRUSES
EMPLOYING SAME**
Docket : WRU0255PA/40878.341
Art Unit : 1633
Examiner : M. Burkhardt
Confirm. No. : 1714

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2010. A separate Request for an Extension of Time (2-month) in which to respond to the Office Action accompanies this paper.

In the Action, the Examiner made an election/restriction requirement pursuant to 35 USC §§121 and 372 in which he asserted that the application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which the Examiner believed are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features.

Applicants have been required to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted from among:

- Group I: Claims 1-16, drawn to a retroviral vector comprising a portion of a lentiviral genome with disrupted *gag*, *pol* and *env* genes, a mutational cassette, and a selectable marker gene; and
- Group II: Claims 17-26, drawn to an assay for mutation frequency using the vector of Group I.